

**INJURY PREVENTION TASK FORCE (IPTF) MEETING
November 3, 2004**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Fergus Laughridge, Program Manager, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Bureau of Licensure & Certification (BLC)
Bruce Mackey, Program Manager, Nevada Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)
Mary Griffith, Health Resource Analyst, Bureau of Health Planning and Statistics (HP&S)
Kelly Anrig, Safety Engineer, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT)
Debra Brus, Epidemiologist, Washoe County District Health Department, (WCDHD)
Mike Bernstein, Health Educator II, Clark County Health District, SAFE KIDS Clark County
Robinette Bacon, School Health Education Coordinator, Department of Education (DOE)
Barbara Ludwig, Clark County SAFE KIDS
JW Hodge, Washoe County SAFE KIDS

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. John Fildes, Department of Surgery, University of Nevada School of Medicine (UNSOM)
Erin Breen, Safe Community Partnership Program

STATE HEALTH DIVISION STAFF PRESENT

Judith Wright, Bureau Chief, Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS)
Cynthia C. Huth, RN, MSN, CNM, Health Program Specialist II (BFHS)
Kelly Y. Langdon, MPH, Injury Prevention Coordinator (BFHS)
Andrea Rivers, Injury Biostatistician (BHP&S)
Kimberly Williams, Administrative Assistant (BFHS)

OTHERS PRESENT

Kelly Service, MPH, Childhood Health Coordinator, (BFHS)

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Fergus Laughridge called the Injury Prevention Task Force (IPTF) meeting to order at **9:59 a.m.** at the Bureau of Licensure and Certification (BLC), Emergency Medical Services (EMS) building in Carson City. This was a public meeting and the public was invited to make comments. In accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law, this meeting was posted at the following locations: Kinkead Building, Carson City; Bureau of Family Health Services (BFHS), Carson City; Nevada State Library and Archives, Carson City; Washoe County District Health Department (WCDHD), Reno; Clark County Health District (CCHD), Las Vegas; Elko Nursing Office, Elko, and on the Health Division website, www.health2k.state.nv.us

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2004

Mr. Laughridge motioned for approval of the minutes as written and Barbara Ludwig seconded the motion.
MOTION APPROVED.

APPROVAL OF NEW INJURY PREVENTION TASK FORCE MEMBERS

Robinette Bacon motioned for approval of the new Injury Prevention Task Force Members, which includes, Erin Breen representing the Safe Community Partnership Program, Eric Guevin representing Washoe County SAFE KIDS, and Barbara Ludwig representing Clark County SAFE KIDS. Bruce Mackey seconded the motion.
MOTION APPROVED.

DISCUSSION OF NEVADA INJURY STATISTICS FOR 2003

Andrea Rivers distributed a summary of Nevada injury statistics for calendar year 2003. Ms. Rivers briefly reviewed the handout and explained the difference between solid poisonings and liquid poisonings. Solid poisonings include pills, while liquid poisonings include items such as drano and alcohol. Ms. Rivers collects her data from the death registry. Bruce Mackey suggested Ms. Rivers contact Michael Perondi for the motor vehicle crash statistics. Mr. Mackey stated not all motor vehicle fatalities are accidental; some fatalities are determined as suicide. Mr. Mackey also mentioned that the Nevada Citation and Accident tracking System (NCATS) would be beneficial to use for current injury and fatality data. Ms. Langdon noted Ms. Rivers is going to be a big asset to the

Injury Prevention (IP) program. The IP grant extension is funding Ms. Rivers's position from October 1, 2004 through July 31, 2005.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON NEVADA'S INJURY PREVENTION STRATEGIC PLAN

Ms. Langdon distributed handouts and discussed the strategic plan for the IPTF. She discussed past, present, and future activities from one of the handouts. Ms. Langdon expressed the importance of improving the data quality for the IP program and securing long term funding. Ms. Langdon stated the IP program should also be making an impact on reducing injuries. Debra Brus elaborated on the importance of the E-Coding data. Mr. Mackey noted there should be more effort on analyzing data. Robinette Bacon expressed concerns on the State's dependency for the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funding. Mr. Laughridge suggested a possible name change for the IPTF. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Mike Bernstein noted there were two more trauma centers coming on board in Clark County. Mr. Bernstein sits on the Regional Trauma Advisory Board representing the Clark County IP. Mr. Bernstein would like to coordinate with the Regional Trauma Advisory Board and implement the IP component.

Mr. Mackey stated motor vehicle crashes and fatalities could be the worst in the history of the State for this upcoming year. This time last year (2003), there were 288 motor vehicle fatalities. So far this year (2004), there have been 328 motor vehicle fatalities and it is up 13%. The alcohol fatalities are down. Motorcycle fatalities are up 166%. Mr. Mackey recommends coming up with some type of campaign to educate the public. Cynthia Huth suggested educating car owners on how to look for out for motorcyclists. Mr. Mackey expressed that there needs to be an analysis on motorcycle crashes. The State of Nevada has the best motorcycle training programs in the nation, but the fatalities are still very high.

Ms. Langdon then discussed another handout, which broke down the IP Program into five different sections: Infrastructure, Program, Data/Evaluation, Finance, and Legislative/Policy. The IPTF decided to format the strategic plan by discussing past, present, and future activities in each of these five sections:

1. Infrastructure: keeping an IP Coordinator on staff, retaining a coordinated task force, networking with rural and urban areas of the state, and creating an IP list serve.
2. Program: increasing community awareness about injury prevention
3. Date/Evaluation: obtaining better Emergency Discharge data, improving trauma registry data, implementing data linkages, continuing data analysis and yearly reports, improving E-Coding and hospital discharge data, improving data quality, and ongoing data collection/analysis.
4. Finance: securing long-term and permanent funding
5. Legislative/Policy: improving hospital and legislative support.

Judith Wright stated the office of the Director of Human Resources is looking to establish a Suicide Prevention Coordinator. Ms. Wright suggested spending a couple of years with the IP collected data and reports then proceed with all of the information in the 2007 legislation session. Ms. Wright stated it would be beneficial to keep track of the cost of injuries.

Mr. Laughridge motioned to accept the dialog and direction provided formally and informally to Ms. Langdon's development of the strategic plan. Mr. Mackey moved to approve and Ms. Brus seconded the motion.

MOTION APPROVED.

TASK FORCE TO SET NEXT MEETING DATE

The next IPTF meeting has been changed from December 7, 2004 to January 5, 2005; this will be a videoconference. Mr. Laughridge suggested having a teleconference if videoconference was unavailable. Ms. Langdon stated at the January meeting, all 2005 meetings would be scheduled for the year. Ms. Langdon reviewed what would be on the next agenda. Mr. Laughridge motioned to approve the next IPTF meeting date and time and Mr. Mackey seconded the motion. **MOTION APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT AND DISCUSSION

Ms. Langdon thanked Mr. Bernstein and Ms. Ludwig for flying in from Las Vegas for the IPTF meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at **12:00 p.m.**